

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1585 without my signature.

While I appreciate the intent to increase transfer rates of basic skills students from the community colleges to the four-year segments of higher education, significant funding has been provided to the community colleges for basic skills students, the University of California for cooperative transfer out reach with community colleges, and other programs for the purpose of enhancing transfer success.

Given the efforts to resolve the current budget deficit, it is not advisable to create new programs when existing resources are already being directed to meet the objective.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger